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Title: THERMAL PROCESSING OF METAL ALLOYS FOR AN IMPROVED CMP PROCESS IN
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT FABRICATION

Dear Examiner Everhart:

Thank you for discussing the pending claims with me today. Please feel free to do an Examiner Amendment to expedite the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

Please contact me (612-379-6969), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Applicant discussed the pending claims with the Examiner on telephone on August 7, 2003. To expedite the prosecution, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.